

REMARKS

Amended claims 1 and 2, and new claims 3-5 are in this application.

Claim 1 was objected to because of informalities. In explaining this objection, the Examiner indicated that claim 1 was unclear.

Claim 1 as amended herein is believed to overcome these informalities.

Claim 2 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 2 has been rewritten herein in independent form so as to include the features of independent claim 1 as amended herein. It should be noted that the features of original claim 2 have been slightly revised herein.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Childers (U.S. 6,452,096) in view of Buckshaw et al. (U.S. 5,065,972).

Amended independent claim 1 recites the following:

"A casing body having a sharp edge and a **small boss** positioned such that a user's hand or finger can contact both the sharp edge and the small boss at the same time, wherein the small boss is provided at a position that allows a force from a contact of the user's hand or finger at the sharp edge to be dispersed to the sharp edge and the small boss." (emphasis added)

It is respectfully submitted that the combination of Childers and Buckshaw applied by the Examiner does not appear to specifically disclose "a small boss" which is positioned such

that "a user's hand or finger can contact both the sharp edge and the small boss at the same time" and such that a force from a contact of the user's hand or finger at the sharp edge may be dispersed "to the sharp edge and the small boss" as in claim 1. That is, in explaining the above 103 rejection of claim 1, the Examiner appears to acknowledge that Childers does not disclose a small boss which is positioned as specifically recited in claim 1. The Examiner appears to rely on Bucksaw, and in particular Fig. 1 thereof, to overcome such deficiency of Childers.

Fig. 1 of Bucksaw illustrates a cylindrical resilient bumper portion 10 which appears to be usable with a corner of a table. It is respectfully submitted that the cylindrical resilient bumper portion 10 of Bucksaw does not appear to include a "small boss" which is positioned as specifically recited in claim 1. Accordingly, it is believed that claim 1 is distinguishable from the applied combination of Childers and Buckshaw.

For reasons similar to or somewhat similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is also respectfully submitted that new independent claim 3 is also distinguishable from the applied combination of Childers and Buckshaw.

New claims 4 and 5 are dependent from new independent claim 3. Accordingly, it is also respectfully submitted that dependent claims 4 and 5 are distinguishable from the applied combination of Childers and Buckshaw for at least the reasons previously described.

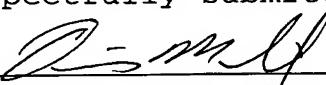
As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been overcome, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such

action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections and/or rejections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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